

### SUN'S RAYS CAUSE FIRE AND PANIC

Beams Reflected Through Windows Upon Show Case Start Blaze in Burlington Building.

### WOMEN ARE GREATLY EXCITED.

Men Shout to Elevator Operator While Boys Slide Down Banisters—Police Quiet Occupants—\$500 Damage.

Reflected from windows to a show case, the sun's hot rays started a fire in the Burlington building, yesterday afternoon. The blaze, which did \$500 damage, nearly caused a panic among the occupants for a while.

A vacant lot is in the rear of the building, and at noon the sun shined directly in at the windows of the Burlington building. The south side of the building is largely composed of glass windows. A large show case is located in the southeastern corner of the room. The show case is of plate glass and it is situated so that the sun's rays reflect from the window panes onto the show case.

The employees of the Burlington building closed the place at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and left the building. No one entered the room until the fire was discovered by Robert Pope, the janitor. The heating pipes are in the southeast corner of the room and it was impossible, according to Chief Sweeney, that the fire could have been started by the iron. There were no signs of flames or smoke in the place, and Detective Robinson's view that the blaze was caused by the sun, met with much consideration by the firemen.

He was notified by Pope of the blaze and arrived in an alarm. Occupants of the building hurried to the fire by the dense clouds of smoke which filled the building through the elevator shafts.

NEARLY CAUSED PANIC.

The fire caused a stampede among the women. Crowds gathered on each floor and shouted loudly down the elevator shaft for the elevator operator. Men seized their hats and coats and joined in shouting to the elevator boys, while small boys, rather than wait, slid down banisters and were soon out of the building.

Women were nearly hysterical and it was feared some would leap out of windows before the firemen and the police arrived. They were soon quieted, however, and the firemen made short work of the flames.

This clothing in the show case was burned and many bolts on shelves were damaged by fire and water. While the damage was not estimated by the owners of the Burlington building, firemen said it would exceed \$500.

### JAPANESE MINISTER'S WIFE WILL BE PROMINENT FIGURE AT PORTSMOUTH



MME. TAKAHARA, wife of the Japanese Minister, will be a prominent figure at Portsmouth.

### ROOSEVELT TELLS MOODY TO BRING HOLMES TO JUSTICE

Letter Showing President's Indignation at Cotton Report Scandal Is Made Public—Attorney General Is Instructed to Take Personal Charge of Investigation—Executive Says Guilty Man Is Far Greater Scoundrel Than He Had Stolen Money From Government—Declares He Used Information to Deceive Outsiders and Make Money for Himself.

### MOODY WITHHOLDS OPINION UNTIL INQUIRY BRINGS RESULTS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 15.—That President Roosevelt was thoroughly aroused by the cotton-report scandal when he ordered Secretary Moody to investigate and bring the guilty to justice is shown by the following message sent to Attorney General Moody in Boston on July 12, and made public today:

"My Dear Mr. Moody: I most earnestly hope that every effort will be made to bring Holmes to justice in connection with the cotton-report scandal. Please go over the papers yourself."

"The man is, in my judgment, a far greater scoundrel than if he had stolen money from the Government, as he used the Government to deceive outsiders and to make money for himself and others."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

"Oyster Bay, New York, July 12."

PLACES MATTER IN HANDS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

This is the President's own investigation. He has put the whole matter in the hands of the Department of Justice and until the Secretary's report, Mr. Roosevelt will decline all ex parte evidence, which many have tried to bring before him personally.

It was for this reason that Harvey Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, did not come to Oyster Bay yesterday. It is understood that Mr. Jordan was informed in New York by telephone by the President's secretary, that Mr. Roosevelt did not care to receive Mr. Jordan's evidence, but asked him to lay it before the Department of Justice.

The President has put the Department of Justice in motion, not only to prosecute Holmes if possible, but to weed out all those in the Department of Agriculture who may be connected, either directly or through carelessness, with the sale of government information.

MOODY HAS PERSONAL CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION.

Secretary Moody is directed to take personal charge of the investigation and act directly for the President.

Mr. Moody's answer to the President's order, which follows, shows that he appreciates how thoroughly in earnest Mr. Roosevelt is.

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### VILJOEN AND BRIDE WILL RESIDE HERE

Famous Boer General, Naturalized in St. Louis, Will Return After Visiting Mexico.

### DEPART TO-NIGHT FOR COLONY

Soldier Met His Future Wife While Fighting Over Mimio Battles at Fair—Betrothed Almost a Year.

General Ben Viljoen, the Boer hero of Vaalkrans and Spion Kop, and his bride, formerly Mrs. Myrtle Dickerson Lowden of Pittsfield, Ill., who as announced in The Republic of yesterday were married in St. Louis last Wednesday evening, will depart for Mexico to-night.

The famous Boer leader and his bride have been guests at the Laclede Hotel since their arrival in St. Louis last Wednesday. General Viljoen took out his first naturalization papers in St. Louis the first of the present month and announced yesterday that he would eventually return to St. Louis and make this city his home.

"I had no idea that my identity would be in question when I married," said the General last night to The Republic. "I did not take any unusual means to keep my presence here a secret nor did I try to keep the wedding a secret."

General Viljoen said that he had arrived in St. Louis from New York last Wednesday for the purpose of meeting Mrs. Dickerson Lowden, arrangements having been made by letter to meet here and be married.

From the home of mutual friends they went to the residence of the Reverend P. W. Fauntleroy, No. 318 Lafayette avenue, where they were married. Immediately after the ceremony they went to the Laclede Hotel.

General Viljoen first met the lady who is his wife during the World's Fair at the home of her relatives in this city. He was at the time with the Boer War exhibition. The acquaintance then formed soon ripened into love and very shortly after they became engaged.

The approaching departure of General Viljoen to the Boer colony at Chihuahua, Mexico, decided them upon an immediate marriage.

THE WEDDING FOLLOWED BY A FEW FRIENDS.

General Viljoen was one of the prime movers in the establishment of this colony, which now numbers about fifty families, and since last January, when he severed his connection with the Boer War exhibition, he has been lecturing throughout the country in the interest of the colony.

But very few knew of the attachment and engagement between the Boer General and Mrs. Dickerson Lowden, although General Viljoen said yesterday that he had first met the lady about a year ago and had been engaged to her for almost the same length of time.

General Viljoen's brother arrives to-night from New York, and together with the newly married couple will proceed to the colony in Mexico. The bride will enjoy the distinction of being the first before the new colony. This distinction will be but temporary, however, as her husband said yesterday that he had taken out his first naturalization papers in this city and would return to make it his residence, as he had many friends here and had received several excellent business propositions.

He will direct the affairs of the colony from St. Louis, making trips there whenever necessary.

General Viljoen is one of the youngest and most famous of the leaders in the great struggle of the Transvaal Republic against Great Britain. He is a man of splendid physique, pleasant manners and commanding presence. He speaks English with a strong British accent, and would pass anywhere as an Englishman. His wife is a very beautiful woman.

Both of the newly married couple have had venturesome marriages. General Viljoen, General Viljoen's former wife, died in a London paper with an interview in which she said that she was engaged to be married to the General. The latter denied this, but the wife received a decree of separation from the court.

MRS. VILJOEN WAS DIVORCED YEAR AGO.

The present Mrs. Viljoen was separated from her husband by a decree of divorce about eighteen months ago.

The mother of the bride, who lives in Pittsfield, Ill., residing in a large and comfortable home, is a woman of great refinement and her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Dickerson Lowden, became acquainted with General Viljoen, while the latter was in Pittsfield on a lecturing tour last fall.

He later returned to Pittsfield, with a party of his associates of the British War exhibit, remaining for several weeks on the occasion of the late visit.

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### ST. LOUIS SOCIETY GIRL WEDS MEMBER OF ITALIAN COMMISSION.

Friendship Which Had Its Beginning Before the World's Fair Ends in Marriage of Miss Daisy Medley of This City and Mr. Louis Leland at Latter's Villa in Florence, Italy.



MRS. LOUIS LELAND, daughter of Miss Daisy Medley, who was Miss Daisy Medley of St. Louis until her marriage in Florence, Italy, yesterday.

Cablegrams yesterday announced the wedding of Miss Daisy Medley, a St. Louis society girl, to Mr. Louis Leland of Florence, Italy. They were married at the Leland villa, in that city.

The wedding is the culmination of a friendship which began between Miss Medley and Mr. Leland while the latter was a member of the Italian Commission to the World's Fair here nearly two years ago.

The first intimation of the engagement came from Miss Medley and Mr. Leland June 25, when Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Fuller of Forest Park boulevard received a cablegram, reading: "Married—July, Florence—LOUIS AND DAISY."

Since that time the many friends of Miss Medley have been awaiting eagerly for the particulars.

Miss Medley and her younger sister, Louise, went abroad in April, but it was not then divulged that the acquaintance which had its beginning in the functions at the official residence of Signor Branchi, the Italian Commissioner, was about to terminate in the event which is announced from Florence.

Miss Medley was a frequent guest at the Italian Commissioner's gatherings, and had many opportunities to meet Mr. Leland, but it is not recalled by her friends here that she showed any preference toward him.

Mr. Leland is the son of Louis Leland Sr., a well-known banker of New York.

His mother is an Italian woman of high social station. Mr. Leland and his brothers were born in Florence. By residence as well as by birth he is an Italian. He is a rachtsman of almost continuous habitation from the South Side Dispensary and it is believed that Miss Medley and her sister have formed two of his parties in cruises on the Mediterranean.

It is thought that Mr. and Mrs. Leland will return to the United States in the autumn, and will reside in New York. In the meantime, and probably all next year, Mrs. Leland will continue her vocal education under European masters.

Mrs. Leland is an orphan, and an heiress. Her friends in St. Louis include the oldest and wealthiest families. Society here regards her as among its favorites.

### HEALTH BOARD WON'T STOP DESECRATION

Official Investigates Opening of Graves in Edwardsville, Ill., by Steam Shovel.

### PUBLIC NOT ENDANGERED.

Residents Appeal to State Authorities After Protesting to Contractor Building Electric Line.

Doctor Baker, of Springfield, chief of staff for the Illinois State Board of Health, arrived in Edwardsville last night to investigate, on request of citizens, charges that graves were being broken into in a cemetery on the south part of town.

The place is on the extreme western end of the grounds of the Madison County Hospital. Several months ago a right-of-way through the land was sold by the County Board of Supervisors to the St. Louis and Northeastern Electric Railway Company. At that time the members did not think of the fact that the tract had served as a cemetery and the sale was made without reservation.

The company put in steam shovels and sixty graves were torn open, the bones strewn about and mixed in the embankment. Skulls and fragments of skeletons were tossed all about and shocked passers-by immeasurably, especially as the coining out of skeletons could be witnessed by all who passed along Hickory street. The neighborhood protested, but the contractor paid no attention and the State Board was appealed to.

BOARD POWERLESS.

Doctor Baker went to the scene last night, and also interrogated the complainants and the superintendent of the hospital. Concerning his investigation he said last night:

"I find quantities of bones and fragments of the human frame exposed, as was alleged, but the wholesale exhumation is not a menace to the public health, as the last interments there were ten or eleven years ago. The desecration of the cemetery is apparent, and the statutes provide remedy for this, but as I find nothing endangering the health the matter does not come within the province of the board and I shall make no recommendation."

"Common humanity would dictate the reinstatement of these remains, but action to that end is without the jurisdiction of the board. The case is unusual, and I believe, the first instance of the kind to be called to my attention."

### SAYS MOB LYNCHED THE WRONG NEGRO

Sheriff Tilley of McLennan County Goes to See Governor Lanham—Claims to Be on Trail of the Real Culprit.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Austin, Tex., July 15.—Sheriff George Tilley of McLennan County was here today to see the Governor, and state that the negro who was lynched in the vicinity of Guadalupe for an assault on Mrs. Benjamin Roberts, a white woman, was not the negro who committed the crime, that the real culprit is still at large and is known to be in this section of the State, which is the reason that Tilley is here.

He is assisted by his men for the negro by Sheriff Jackson of Hayes County. The negro who was hanged by the mob protested his innocence all the time, but the mob paid no attention to him, and it is likely that the error of the mob will lead to an investigation.

### MOTHER DISCOVERS CHILD AT MORGUE

After Long Separation, Mrs. Clara Hill Recognizes Daughter's Corpse—Girl Engaged to Wed Committed Suicide.

In the identification of the body of Miss Anna Hill, 23 years old, at the morgue yesterday evening by Mrs. Clara Hill of No. 1115 Locust street, was disclosed the fact of the presence of mother and daughter in St. Louis for several weeks without either knowing the other was here.

Mrs. Hill committed suicide by taking morphine in her room, No. 224 Washington avenue. The poison was taken Thursday evening and she died the following morning, when her body was sent to the morgue.

Mrs. Hill saw a notice in the newspapers of the suicide. She did not think it was her daughter at first, but became more and more impressed with the idea that it might be Anna. She went to the morgue yesterday evening and identified her daughter.

The mother came to St. Louis from Cairo, Ill., about a month ago, and the daughter only two weeks ago from Kansas City, Mo. Mother and daughter had not seen each other for several years.

Mrs. Hill stated that her daughter was to have been married to Charles Young of Kansas City, Mo., and she telegraphed to him last night of the death of the young woman. He is expected to arrive here this morning, and will take part in the funeral services of his intended bride.

### MAN ATTACKED AND ROBBED.

Walter Robertson Says He Was Relieved of \$18.

In broad daylight yesterday evening Walter Robertson of No. 245 North Twelfth street claims he was robbed at Fourth and Valentine streets of \$18 by two unidentified men.

Robertson alleges that he was sitting on a curbstone waiting for a street car when he was attacked. He says that they grabbed him by the throat and relieved him of his cash.

The men, of whom Robertson could give only a meager description, escaped.

### TO PLAY BALL BY ELECTRIC LIGHT

Will Be Feature of Outing of St. Matthew's Church at League Park Wednesday Evening.

"Buster" Waddell and Schreckengost will be the battery against Harry Howell and Joe Suggen in a game of baseball to be played by electric light at League Park Wednesday evening. The occasion being the annual outing of the parishioners of St. Matthew's Church.

Arrangements have been made for the outing of the grounds. A big area will be located near home plate, and thirty-five other artificial lights will be placed along the first and third base line.

St. Matthew's promises to have the grounds well lit so that every play of the clubs may be witnessed from the grand stand.

The occasion will be the first experiment with a set of new lights which its promoters declare will make evening baseball a reality. The ball used will be a little larger than the regulation one.

### BISHOP POTTER'S SISTER BECOMES A CATHOLIC.

Mrs. Laet Thompson's Conversion to Catholicism at Florence, Italy.

SPECIAL BY WIRE TO THE REPUBLIC.

Florence, Italy, July 15.—Mrs. Laet Thompson, widow of the erratic sculptor and sister of Henry C. Potter, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of New York, has embraced Catholicism.

Mrs. Thompson's conversion has shocked her friends in the best Protestant society. The fact that her relatives and ancestors were high in the Protestant Episcopal Church, although very broadminded in religious matters, it was the last thing they expected to hear. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of the late Alexander Potter, Bishop of Pennsylvania, and the niece of the late Horatio Potter, Bishop of New York.

Mrs. Thompson was received into the Catholic Church at the Church of San Piero Gattolone, by the Reverend Giovanni Bonardi, the pastor, and the Archbishop of Florence was present. Her reception into the church of Rome was conducted very unostentatiously. After being baptized she was confirmed.

Mrs. Thompson was married by her daughter, called for New York on July 4, from Genoa and is due in New York next Wednesday.

### NO FAMINE FOR RUSSIA

Crop Reports Do Not Support Pessimistic Predictions.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—The crop report does not support the predictions that a famine is coming in Russia. In some of the central and eastern provinces the outlook is bad, owing to lack of rain in the spring, but as a whole the Government's classification of winter wheat as above the average, and spring wheat as middling to good, and rye the same.

Grain and hay are good. Besides there is a considerable surplus from last year's record harvest.

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### CLEVELAND PAPERS COMBINE.

World News Absorbs Evening Plain Dealer.

Cleveland, O., July 15.—Announcement is made late this afternoon that beginning July 17, the Evening Plain Dealer the afternoon edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer will be combined with the Cleveland World-News.

The World-News only recently absorbed the News-Herald, afternoon edition of the Cleveland Leader.

### REAL SUMMER IN ST. LOUIS; TWENTY-TWO DIE IN GOTHAM.

Maximum Temperature for the Day Is 91 Degrees, but Absence of Oppressive Humidity Keeps Down Number of Prostrations—But Two Cases Are Treated at the City Hospital, and Neither of Them Is Serious—Repetition of Yesterday's Conditions Is Forecasted for To-Day—Two Victims Sent Home.

### TEMPERATURE AT SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, IS 109 DEGREES.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.	
St. Louis	91
San Angelo	109
Abilene	92
Cincinnati	90
Cincinnati, Kan.	90
Dayton	89
Dodge City	86
Port Smith	84
Kansas City	82
Leavenworth	82
Omaha	82
St. Paul	84
St. Louis	86
New York	86
Chicago	76

For the first time this month the weather was unseasonably hot in St. Louis yesterday, when the thermometer registered 91 degrees for four hours in the afternoon, reaching the maximum, 91, at 4 o'clock and declining thereafter.

But for the relatively low percentage of humidity much more suffering might have been reported.

At 7 p. m. the humidity was at the maximum of 77 per cent, the minimum being recorded at the Weather Bureau at 7 p. m. at 66 per cent.

Winds from the south and the southeast, moving at from five to eight miles an hour, tempered the heat somewhat. The prediction of fair and continued warm weather, issued by the local forecaster Thursday, was fulfilled.

Conditions like those of yesterday are forecasted for St. Louis and vicinity and the State today.

In St. Louis the weather will be fair and continued warm, with light southerly winds. For Missouri the forecast is for generally fair to-day and cooler in the northwest portion.

FOUR OVERCOME BY HEAT.

Two men, overcome by the heat, were taken to the City Hospital yesterday in ambulances. They were both in serious condition when they were received at the institution, but the usual treatment administered in heat prostrations, brought them around, and the physicians announced last night that they would recover.

The men are Jack Conklin and James McGuff, laborers.

Conklin lives at No. 298 Fulton avenue. He is 40 years old and was overcome by the heat while at work at Park and Thurman avenues, loading an engine into a car.

McGuff, 38 years old, lives at No. 9 North Eighth street. He was cutting weeds on a lot of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company in North St. Louis when he fell unconscious from heat. He was

### TWENTY-TWO DEATHS FROM HEAT IN NEW YORK.

New York, July 15.—Despite the slightly lower temperature and a brisk northerly breeze, the deaths from heat today reached the highest number of the summer, for there were twenty-two victims.

This is accounted for on the score that the humidity in the last week has weakened the constitutions of many persons, and finally succumbed to the climatic conditions. The fatal cases were confined largely to infants and to persons of advanced age.

### LEWIS BANK EMPLOYEES DISCHARGED BY RECEIVER.

Thirty-Five Persons Lose Positions—Payments to Depositors Total \$200,000 to Date.

It was announced last night that Receiver Spencer had discharged about thirty-five employees of the People's United States Bank and that more than \$200,000 had been paid to depositors.

Nearly all of the Lewis bank employees, with the exception of Cashier Putnam and three of his assistants, were informed that their services would not be required while the affairs of the institution are being settled.

Receiver Spencer says that demands for the withdrawal of deposits now average about \$15 a day. When he took charge the deposits totaled about \$200,000, but payments have reduced the sum to about \$70,000.